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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**MS: RCE**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This Preliminary amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 for the above identified application. A Notice of Appeal was filed in this case on December 22, 2004; therefore this response is timely filed and is accompanied with a Petition for Extension of time for five months with necessary fees. Attached is a Declaration by Audrey Goddard, Ph.D. Entry of this amendment and consideration of the following arguments is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.

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